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General Comment

I am not a member of any government agency or specific organization. I am a Virginia taxpayer in two Virginia localities highly impacted by the TMDL. I live in Rockingham County, Virginia and own Chesapeake Bayside property in Northampton County on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. I am an Eastern Shore native. I am 59 years old and have seen the degradation of water quality in the Bay in my lifetime as I have spent time in a bayside beach cottage community all my life.

I am also a landowner who leases land to farmers who have cattle on my farm. We spent money (and received grant money) ten years ago to put a well in so that cattle could be kept out of a pond which drained into a local creek. Other local farmers continue to allow their cattle to wade and defecate etc. into the local creek. So part of the pollution in the Bay is due to farmers nearby who don't keep cattle out of local creeks and rivers. I understand from attending the EPA hearing in Harrisonburg that there are grant monies available to farmers to find/construct other water sources, build fences, etc. to keep local waters clean. We must reach these farmers and convince them to do these things.

I have a nephew who struggles to make a living as a clam farmer in bayside waters. I want to see him succeed so that my grandchildren and great grand-children, and other family members can continue to safely use and benefit from the unique cultural, historical, and economic aspects of living near the Chesapeake Bay. Also, I want our local creeks and rivers in the Shenandoah Valley to be clean for future generations' use. Please find a way to work with the State of Virginia government officials to clean up the Chesapeake Bay.

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I have a nephew who makes his living in aquaculture